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### II. Title and Ownership; Transfers and Encumbrances

#### A. Title

## § 34. Bills of sale

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In some jurisdictions, statutes have been enacted which require the execution of bills of sale in connection with the sale or transfer of motor vehicles.<sup>1</sup> Since such statutes are police measures and regulatory in character,<sup>2</sup> neither compliance nor noncompliance with their terms, although persuasive,<sup>3</sup> is regarded as conclusive of the question of title.<sup>4</sup>

Where there is no statutory requirement that a bill of sale be executed in connection with the transfer of title to a motor vehicle, the absence of a bill of sale does not constitute evidence of nonownership.<sup>5</sup>

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### Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> § 40.
- <sup>2</sup> § 40.
- <sup>3</sup> [Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Nelson](#), 668 So. 2d 539 (Ala. 1995); [Worley v. Schaefer](#), 228 Neb. 484, 423 N.W.2d 748, 6 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d 710 (1988).
- <sup>4</sup> [Worley v. Schaefer](#), 228 Neb. 484, 423 N.W.2d 748, 6 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d 710 (1988).
- <sup>5</sup> [General Ins. Co. v. Hughes](#), 152 Tex. 159, 255 S.W.2d 193 (1953).

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